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III. Remarks

Claims 1-30 and Claims 92-123 are pending in the present application. New Claims 124 and 125 have been added. The following have been amended as set forth above: 1, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, 23, 26, 92, 96, 98, 100, 101, 104, 105, 108, 111, 114, 117, 122 and 123.

Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for recognizing the allowable subject matter claimed in pending Claims 7, 8, 16, 26-30, 98, 99, 107 and 117-121. The remaining pending claims are rejected as set forth in the Action.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections and the objection are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the arguments set forth below.

Claim 26, previously dependent on Claim 1, has been rewritten into independent form to recite its previously recited features without those of Claim 1. Claim 1 has been made dependent on Claim 26. It is submitted that the Examiner has recognized that the art of record, including Brenner et al. (6,089,981), Boylan, III et al. (6,712,701) and Garahi et al. (US 2001/10047291) does not teach or suggest the features of amended method in Claim 26. It is submitted, therefore, that Claim 26, and the claims that depend therefrom, are allowable.

As noted above, Claim 1 has been amended to depend from Claim 26. Likewise Claims 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, 23 and 122 have been amended to depend from Claim 26, without prejudice.

Claims 92-121 and 123 parallel Claims 1-30 and 122. Claim 117, previously dependent on claim 92, has been rewritten into independent form to recite its previously recited feature without those of Claim 92. Claim 92 has been made dependent on Claim 117. It is submitted that the Examiner has recognized that the art of record does not teach or suggest features of the amended system Claim 117. It is submitted, therefore, that Claim 117, and the claims that depend therefrom, are allowable.

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As noted above, Claim 92 has been amended to depend from Claim 117. Likewise, Claims 96, 98, 100, 101, 104, 108, 111, 114 and 123 have been amended to depend from Claim 117, without prejudice.

New Claims 124 and 125 have been added and depend from Claims 26 and 117, respectively, examination of which are respectfully requested.

The Action rejects Claims 1-6, 9-15, 17-25, 92-97, 100-106, 108-116 and 122-123 as being obvious from Brenner et al. in view of Boylan, III et al. and Garahi et al. It is submitted that the amendments set forth above address this rejection. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of these claims are respectfully requested.

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IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance at an early date, which action is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

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